CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	Untitled aka P15
Other known title(s):	Photograph (P15)
OFLC ref:	0802446.014
Medium:	Computer Image File Printout
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	21 July 2009
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

This computer image file printout is deemed to be objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children and young persons for sexual purposes. The printout contains a sexualised image of a girl who looks to be an older child or young teenager. She is posed in such a way that her exposed genitals are the deliberate focus of the image. The obvious purpose of the image is the sexual gratification of persons with a sexual interest in young girls, and it has the effect of legitimising and encouraging this interest.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression as set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of children or young persons for sexual purposes.